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To the Secretary of The Treasury:
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Sir:

I ask leave
to call your attention to a petty imposition which
seems to be regularly practiced on visitors to the
U. S. Mint in Philada.. When I entered
the building last Tuesday Aug 26th in com-
pany with a lady, I was met at the door by
a large man with close cut gray whiskers, -
evidently an employee, who offered to conduct
us, which I presume is the duty assigned
to him and for which he is paid!

He led us through several rooms, explaining
with effusive politeness the various processes.
In a few minutes he stopped in front of a desk
and informed us in a pompous manner that he
was about to show us what he showed every visitor.

He then took out two small books and some
worthless brass medals and went into a tedious
Explanation of the contents of the books, which appeared

to contain a historical sketch of the Mint, — and endeavored to sell the articles to us at an exorbitant price. It was apparent to me that he was trying to create the impression of having rendered me a personal favor, and to take advantage of the presence of a lady to compel me to buy what I did not want. I would not submit to any such contemptible blackmail and promptly declined to buy. The

change in his manner was as great as the amount to his rudeness. Although he had previously mentioned several processes which we would see further on, we were immediately conducted to the exit and discourteously dismissed without another word.

Among the things not shown to us was the extent of coins.

As my time in Philada. was too limited to permit me to make a personal complaint to the official in charge of the Mint, I determined to submit this statement in the hope that it may be thought

worthy of attention.

John C. Wilson

Refers to discourteous
shown visitors at

Phil Mint. by
certain employees

Treasury Department.

August 29, 1884.

Respectfully referred to the Director of
the Mint.

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He led us through several rooms, explaining with effusive politeness the various processes. In a few moments he stopped in front of a close and informed us in a pompous manner that he was about to show us what he shows every visitor. He then took out two small books and some worthless brass medals and went into a tedious explanation of the contents of the books, which appeared to contain a historical sketch of the Mint, - and endeavored to sell the articles to us at an exorbitant price. It was apparent to me that he was trying to create the impression of having rendered as a personal favor, and to take advantage of the presence of a lady to compel me to buy what I did not want. I would not submit to any such contemptable blackmail and promptly declined to buy. The change in his manner was so great as to amount to positive rudeness. Although he had previously mentioned several processes which we would see farther on, we were immediately conducted to the exit and discourteously dismissed without another word.

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Very respectfully,
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